(c) The estimated net profit for the financial year 1992-93 is expected to be Rs. 225.00 crores approximately.

Non Co-operative attitude of staff of IGI Airport

4168. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the various problems being faced by the non-VIP passengers at the IGI Airport besides the hostile and non-co-operative attitude of the staff of various Departments posted at the airport; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to improve the situation at the IGI Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Besides getting regular feedback from passengers, a study team had been appointed from Defence Institute of Work Study as an independent group to study the various problems of passenger facilitation at Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(b) The following measures have been taken to improve the conditions at Indira Gandhi International Airport:—

(a) Introduction of Prepaid Taxi Service, Paid Luxury Service & State Transport Service between Terminal and the city.

(b) Free inter-terminal shuttle coach service.

(c) Display of flight Information System

(d) Improvement in baggage trolleys.

(e) Improved catering facilities.

(f) Ensured availability of critical facilities like water supply, electricity supply, conveyor belts, escalators and lifts.

(g) Free porterage for handicapped.

(h) Free medical aid.

(i) Additional STD/ISD telephone facilities.

(j) Provision of child care rooms.

(k) Provision of basic facilities outside terminal building.

To ensure consistent and smooth operation, Airport Coordination Committee representing various agencies at the airport meets every month under the Chairmanship of Airport Director.

Guidelines for purchase of aircraft by Air Taxi Operators

4169. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise the guidelines for purchase of aircraft by air taxi operators in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The existing guidelines in this connection have been revised. The eligible applicants can now import aircraft for air taxi operations from their own foreign exchange resources or through arranging/buying foreign exchange from the open market as per the current rules and regulations relating to foreign exchange transactions ssued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or the Reserve Bank of India.

Air India Planes used by VVIP

4170. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of days for which Air India planes were requisitioned for VVIP travel from 1st August, 1992 to 30th November, 1992?